

THE UNICORN

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What is the power of his horn?
And the burning beauty we see?
What is it about the Unicorn
That shows itself to me?

In days of old (when knights were bold)
The meadows were his home.
But hunters fair on horseback
Caused him to roam.

The mountains hid the single horned prince
As he built his kingdom there
But where has he gone since?
Can anyone tell me where?

In modern days, it often seems
That men no longer care
But Unicorns appear in dreams
To those who seek him there.
Still....

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- Nancy McCauley

Dear friends,

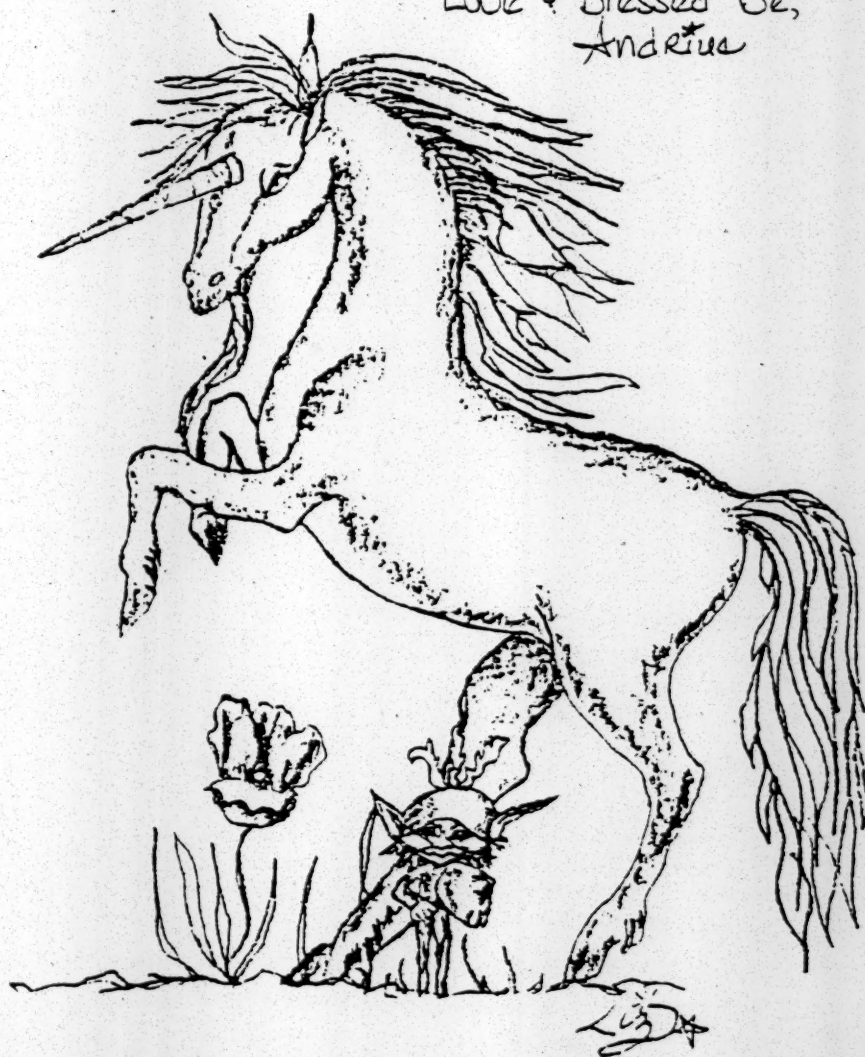
Another issue of The Unicorn....today is warm and sunny, and Spring is beginning her song. Unicorns celebrate Spring by casting festive Circles: hyacinth cakes, snow drop nectar, songs sung by butterfly chorales as we raise a spiral horn of power to celebrate rebirth. Our altar candles are made of wax given by Lady Eln, the high priestess at a hive near NewGracn, where we will meet in glee this Equinox. All Unicorns are invited, for this year we have some special activities: special flights will be available for little colts & fillies, to take them up to explore the Maes-Jupiter

conjunct, followed by games of starcatch & racks. Dragons are invited, and anyone at all may attend. The dells & circles of NewGracn have been newly heathered, and the weather committee promises a sunset to watch that is said to move hearts.

Here in Minneapolis were slower at the weather, but it's beautiful. The seeds are sown, and our projects will now grow in fullness for the lake harvest. We watched the last full moon in triplicity with the conjunct, & felt deep stirrings of change and growth within the Earth. Dhd the Silver reports that the conjunct can be seen from as far as Eretia II, & pleased its rulers. (Dhd plans to see us all for the Equinox Ritual.

Set your altars with flowers. Plant seeds of love & beauty; plant dreams & magick. Allow them to grow to full, and this year will be one of greater understanding between Unicorns and people.

Love & Blessed Be,
Andrius



The Unicorn Rambles

Our poetess-friend Joyce Baker has been dancing - a good idea for all of us - to awaken inner energies, & to free us up for dancing in the Circle. She also suggests "C & C" (chamomile & comfrey) daily, & has remained in sparkling health. She is at work on a new newsletter which we will soon have more news of. It sounds delightful!! * Do you like to barter? Ellen Cannon is the editor of a new newsletter devoted to the barter system. It's very exciting, & sounds wonderful. Write: The Barter System, P.O. Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Calif. 91609 * Andrius sends his love & a secret dream-gift to Liu-Shien * Congrats to Nancy, who is now creating her own rituals. Andrius says that he helped proofread The Love of the Unicorn which she recommends. * Bobbi E. wrote about her white Unicorn friend, "Wiccan" who magickally (of course) turns silver to honor the full moon. * Andrius wishes to thank Pynim for the mead, although it went to his head, & he romped and played in the snow for two hours, then napped for two more... Pynim - tell Phoenix that nearly ALL the poetry in The Unicorn comes from readers. * Selene wrote about her visit to England - Glastonbury, Stonehenge; psychic experiences in Ireland - yet nary a word about any Unicorns. Andrius is very concerned!! * "One thing I've learned is that although we may not be able to see the Unicorn at times, its presence of power & beauty are given to us through the symbol of the unicorn." - Nancy * The Waynesville Pagan Temple has, as many other groups, gone in separate directions to sow seeds of magick for spring. Special love to Larry David for all his work, from Andrius * "I have finally decided to come out in the open... it gets lonely practicing the Craft by yourself all of the time" - Kaye Beiswanger, Box 441, 3400 No. Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211. * Merlin - thank you for the beautiful card!! * Ishtar - I'm sorry Pynim & I left you behind. I guess I get silly when we're off rainbow-sliding - Andrius. * Hey - check your back issues for his address & please write to Bobby Lee * Hello to Angel & Kirby, & belated Unikisses & Unihugs for their birthdays. * Sandra writes of KATZ 97 FM of L.A., Calif. which is having a "Show us your Unicorn" contest. Let's show them! "Unicorn, 338 So. Western Ave., L.A. Calif. 90020." Don't know if it's still going on, but who cares if it's fun * Hello & love to Karen Alexander * Jim Thomas says that someone in Louisiana owes him a letter... * Also in the mail, notice of a club called "Unicorns Unanimous", 346 N. La Cienega Blvd., L.A. Calif. 90048, which also is a gift shop and newsletter. * Davydd writes of his love for the Earth, that he will soon be free: off to share in her beauty. Andrius sends him lots of love & Blessed Be's! * To Jim T. we send our love & wishes for Goddess-speed in all your legal matters! * Attention "Cookie-face". This is an "I love you" message from "wierd-beard" * Hello's to Eleanor B. of NYC; to John & Donna; to Sylvia (who owes a letter); Annie of Victoria; to Jackie; to Karon C. of New Iberia; to Tera; to Rick and Patricia; to Janice King; to Scott C. of San Diego; to Da'oud; to Samm of Carrollton; to Victoria of Seattle; to Cheri D. of Beaver; to Rowan of Tallahassee; to the Flanigans; to Nadea; to Magenta; to Eric of Boise; to Joy (who owes a letter); to Flormod; to Lucinda; to Philip Jacobs of North Sydney, Australia; to Echo of Belgium - who keeps promising a visit!; to Steve Kirby; to Don K. of L.A.; to Peggy of Lakewood; to Tanith; to Mickey of Houston; to Thomas of Dallas; to Miles of NYC; to Craig of Fresno; to Ted & Marsha; to Suk P. of Perry; to all the Paul's of Randolph; to Theodore; to Sandi of Houston; to Mark P. of S.F.; to Quentin & his athenes; to Vicki Kay; to Maud of Berkeley; to Phillip & Carol; to Mahr; to Randall of Chicago; to Kristina; Dennis Smith - you owe a letter; to Peter of Rock Island; & to all of you! *

Notes from an Herbal

In working with herbs magickally, it is highly important to understand the planetary energies:

MARS ♂

Herbs of Mars may help to stimulate the manifestation of action within the physical planes. Martial herbs may aid in stopping the inaction that hinders comfortable survival. These herbs may be used to aid a sense of achieving, to give one a strength or purpose that is independent, spontaneous, & capable. They can also be used to stimulate spiritual development, freeing the determination of the inner self to follow the path & do the work. An elixir useful in magical evocation would include herbs of Mars ♂, of Mercury ☿, & of the Moon ☾.

Martial herbs include:

anemone

aloes

basil

broom

blessed thistle

chives

cumin

daffodils (yellow)

flax

garlic

hawthorn

honeysuckle

hops

juniper

leeks

laurel

loosestrife

lupines

mustard

male fern

nettles

onion

peppers

paprika

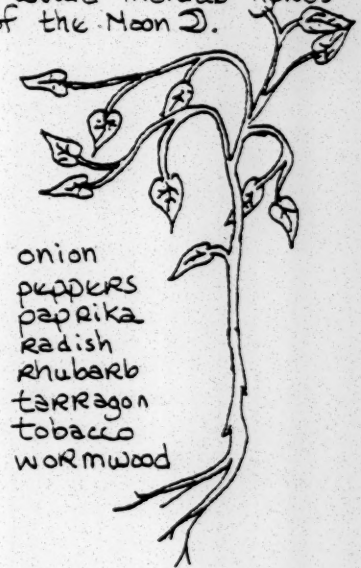
radish

rhubarb

tarragon

tobacco

wormwood



Ninth Law of the traditional Herbalist

Because he follows the Universal Laws of Conservation, the Traditional Herbalist will never bring harm to plant, person, nor to air, nor to earth & water, and will stir the fires of creation only to work good.



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woman made

I walk along the Forest path,
My eyes in wonder grow,
For all these things existing here
I have been led to know.

The beauty of a flower.
The wonder of a tree
All of these great gifts of love
You present to me.

On grass so pure and soft I tread,
Green silk beneath my feet.
The Sun smiles on my nudity
And warms me with His heat.

My heart burns bright for creatures
small
The rabbit, squirrel, and ween.
My smile reflects the total joy
Of coming home again.

The beauty takes my breath away
Carried by the Wind, to You,
Goddess behold my wonder of this
world —

Woman-made by You.

— Joyce L. Baker

song of Pan

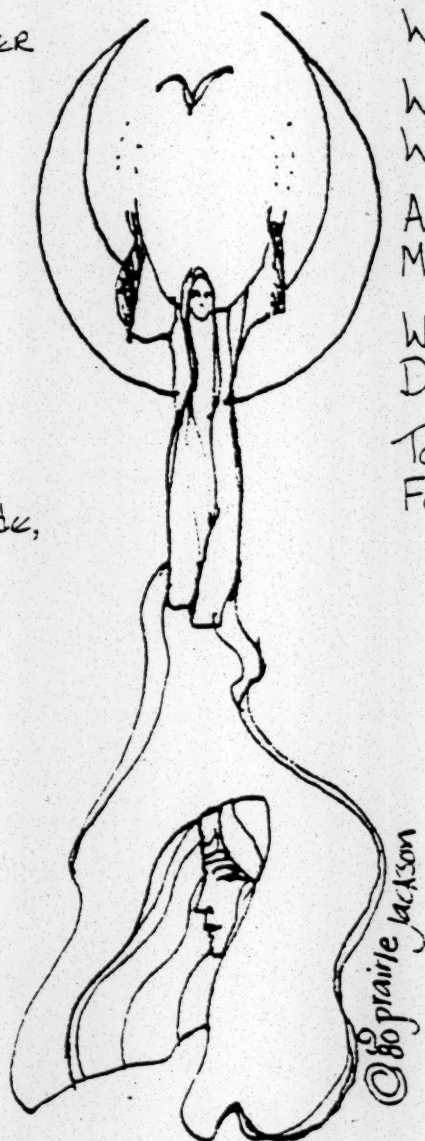
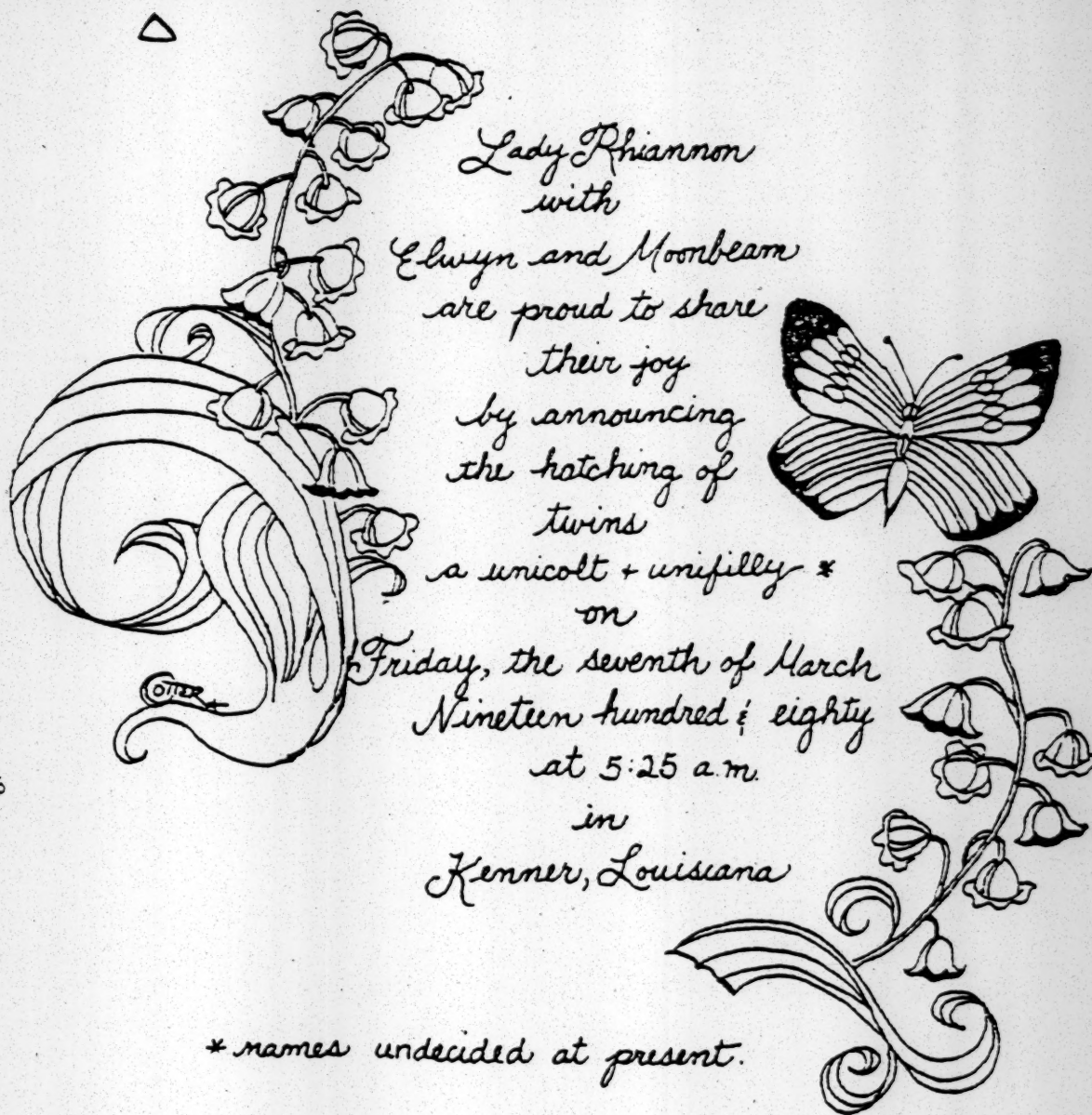
Neath the Moonlight, under Sun,
Circle round when work is done!
Cloven hooves upon the night,
Let my Magick bless your rite!

In the woodland, through the glade,
With the hope of promise made,
Share the laughter, this you must:
Learn of joy, of love & trust;

Hear my music, hear my tune,
Listen to the song of Moon
The song of Sun, of fun & mirth,
Heed my call, for I am Earth.

I am Pan, the Woodland Song,
Dance my rhythms all night long.
Join me as my pipes I play,
Chanting all your cares away!

— Paul



Pray, give report —
Who's holding court?

What once had laid still
Wakes from under hill.

Ancient beings test their Powers
Mortals, don't just watch them flower!

While the World turns over
Don't go picking clover.

Torpidity you must not allow
For peace won't be able to follow.

— Gwyr

(poem in form of dragon - riddle
from a favorite dragon friend)

"Live side by side in the magickal lands where pine groves can be found. A fearful faerie on the chase will run between the Unicorn's legs to be sure he will not be seen! Yet never has it been said, that a faerie or 'wee folk' been stepped upon by its large yet graceful companion, the Unicorn."

- A story from Puck, the Unicorn & Oberon, the faerie



we're dreams golden arrows
together we'd fly
across the centuries far
beyond the sky
for the bright glow
of our knowing
becomes the flame
that feeds love,
for we are the mystery always
for we are the shining
dreams of the stars & moon above
so sing of the secrets forever
of the heavens
on earth
in our hearts....

-aradia::



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Hello My Friends,

Yes, Pagans, Witches, Wizards and mere-humans. You are now wondering who I am.... well let me now begin to enlighten you on "who" or "what" I am!

Since the beginning of time I've been here. As our most wonderful God & Goddess created me along with the rest of you... yes, I know, I know, but do give me a chance to explain why you are unable to see me as you would see an "apple".

Andrius & I have spoken on this subject many times... no, I am not a Unicorn, but then I could be if you will allow your mind to travel into the unseen world.

Children know me very well as I am their best friend! Let me explain. Have you ever noticed a child talking to something or someone and "you" are unable to see who or what is there?

Well then, we've just met.

I'm a dream, thought, image, fantasy, or whatever you wish to call me... but I am very real, as I live in the unseen world. Only those who believe that I am real are granted the pleasure of seeing me each & every day.

As a child grows older he or she is told by many adults that I do not exist. And when this happens I then lose another friend. But thanks to those of the Craft I still live and as each day goes by I become stronger and more real.

My name (yes I have one) is strange to you of the seen world but to those who are with me it is a most beautiful name.

Please call me Para*.....

To those of you who are unfamiliar with my name in English it means "beyond".

I'm sorry to leave so soon, but a friend is calling me so I must answer them.... see you soon! May the God and Goddess grant you your every wish and smile upon you each & every day.

Love & Blessed Be
Para *

books ~



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Just published: Marion Weinstein's Earth Magic, A Dianic Book of Shadows... "A complete personal witch's workbook, including Deity Alignments, chants, blessings, spells, individual and group work." Sounds real good, for almost all of us have read her last book, Positive Magic, and found it full of valuable. Information can be had by writing: Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box 1202, FDR Sta, N.Y., N.Y., 10022

Viking Hoaxes in North America is a fine, thorough book written by one of our subscribers, Jeffrey R. Redmond. If you want to understand the Viking influence in N. Am., this is a valuable book. Jeff shows us that many of the 'artifacts' previously thought real, are, in fact, frauds. Jeff has done a worthy job, for he does believe the Vikings came here, but he is seeking honesty. If you're not intimidated by a scholarly book, & seek an understanding of Norse pagan origins, you can order a copy direct from Jeff: Jeffrey R. Redmond, 1664 W. Tyrie Drive, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, N7V-3P7. Enclose \$5.00 & ask him to autograph your copy!

Nine Apples: A Neopagan Anthology is now available from Artemisia Press for \$4.35 (incl. postage); PO Box 6423, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80934. Divided by the four seasons, this book is full of poetry, much written by people we all know and love. It is a wonderful example of the creativity that flows out of a people when they open up the God/Goddess within, and is joyous to read, to see how we are growing as a religious movement, creating our own literature. This is an anthology of poetry as it is being created now, and definitely belongs in all Pagan libraries.

A Priestess book, The Book of Emmerettae, will soon be available in limited edition from Acorn. The book was written in 1875 by a Catted Priestess, and is based largely on the text of a Fifteenth Century Priestess. For more information write: Acorn, Box 4141, Stn. D. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8V-4L5.

merchandise ~

Coven Gardens, Box 1064, Boulder, Colo., 80302 sent us a supplement catalogue of new scents. It is a most extensive listing of ritual oils, salts, crystals & incense. Also includes candles, herbs, etc.

Witch's Runesticks are available from Unicorn Circle. We haven't seen any, so will just share the address: Unicorn Circle, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx., 75245. Cost is \$4.50 per set of 12.

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"I'd like to see more direct feedback from readers... more letters, more poems and more graphics... I want the 'occult' made more accessible - although some of the Mysteries can never be revealed verbally... I think we need a balance of \star creating your own tradition \mathcal{D} searching & re-examining magickal roots for the essence, the truth & vitality that've been overlaid by centuries of ignorance, distortion & repression..

\odot Consciousness-Raising among witches? sharing stories, the truth of our lives with one another... how we deal with being pagans - with family, job - what is the experience of the gay witches - the double minority?

Greetings from the Unicorns within us..."
-Prairie Jackson



This tarot column will be written by one of Andrius' most special friends, Aradia, a lovely Pegacorn who is known to put sparkles in Andrius' heart:

The Great Mother; this state of being is ruled by Venus and is the wellspring of all fertility goddesses, ancient & new. She is the Doorway to Manifestation; there is nothing born nor created that does not pass through her on its way to manifestation - all physical forms, all mental forms. It is from her vast being that all Light & Shadow Emanates. She is the eternal weaver, creator - first containing and then revealing: opening outward and up, as do the trees, grasses and flowers that are her special symbols. To the Unicorns, she is also the Gate of Dreams, and she spins eternally, dreaming the Great Dream that contains us.... pay attention to the fact that the Great Mother and the Gate of Dreams are linked to the World Tree - spiritual dreams bear fruit in the physical plane.. colors emanating are golden yellow, green hues, and azure blue.



. the great mother

For those who have been following the developing "Tarot of the Unicorns" by friend Prairie. Every so often we will print an extra, special page with six or so "cards" on it, so you can construct, cut & paste, your own deck. We hope this will thrill those who have been enjoying this column.

my friend

I have a secret friend, you see,
Wherever I go he travels with me.

He's helpful, happy, cheerful & gay,
He's by my side both night and day.

His body is covered with fur of white.
No one can see him, not even at night.

His wings are colored silver-blue,
The most magnificent creature I ever knew!

He has a horn on the top of his head.
He can change colors, yes, even turn red!

The Goddess sent him when I was born.
Who else?? My friend
The Unicorn !!

Bobbi \odot



A contest for the Beltane issue. A one year's subscription will be awarded the best original Beltane poem. Write it new, don't dig out an old one! Also - a one year's subscription for the best drawing with a Beltane theme - in black & white, no larger than 4x4" (Prairie is intelligible so all you artists get busy!) We'd really be pleased to see Reader participation!! Runners-up may have their work included.

Dreams

I dreamed last night of wonderful things
of elves that fly with gossamer wings
of unicorns standing stately and proud
of a harpy screeching long and loud.

I dreamed last night of legends of old
of fickle Pan blowing his pipes of gold
of griffins nesting on mountainous rocks
of fairies combing their flowing locks.

I dreamed last night of tales come true
of mermaids gliding in oceans blue
of centaurs frolicking in the spring
of Pegasus soaring with mighty wings.

I dreamed last night of love so free
coming from God to thee and me
but then I awoke once more to find
my soul had left it all behind.

-Karen E. Hillje

happenings ~

A meditation retreat will be held in central Texas. Sponsored by a group of Wiccans who came together to help the Stones, it promises to be a fine time. To be located in a rural, rustic setting; bring your tents - it's a camp-out! Cost is cheap (\$10.00/couple, \$11.00/single) if you register by May 15th. Write "Nexus," Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

If you haven't heard, Loy Stone was acquitted in the trial in Dimmit, Texas. The work is not yet done, and Phoenix asks that you help. Write her: Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245

The House of Ravenwood announces the Second Annual Southern Psychic Seminar, to be held May 9-11 at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta. An interesting program is scheduled, listing among the speakers Raymond Buckland, Laurie Cabot, & others. For a brochure, write Ravenwood Church & Seminary of Wicca, 522 Moreland Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30307.

newsletters ~

'Earth Notes,' the Journal of the Earth Church of Amargi, is the name of a new newsletter which coincides with E.C.A.'s first anniversary. The newsletter will be published 12 times a year, & is asking a donation of one dollar per issue. The first issue had an excellent article on the term Sabbat (did you know SA-BAT means heart rest?) that we feel all who share in Sabbats ought read. Write the Earth Church of Amargi at 11345 Prospect Dr., Bridgeton, Mo. 63044.

The newsletter, "Unicorn Gardens" is now available to the general public, and is offered on a membership basis. Cost is \$7.00 per year. The caretaker of the garden is Lady Phoenix, who did such excellent work in organising Healing Circles of energy which helped Loy & Louise Stone. Write for information: Unicorn Gardens, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

'Circle Network News' announces that their newsletter will be changing its format. Part of the change involves going to regular publication (quarterly), and now having a subscription (\$5.00/yr. U.S.; \$6.00/yr. Canada; \$7.00/yr. U.S. funds elsewhere.) Write: Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc., 53715

'The Folk' is a new newsletter for the "eclectic folk pagan community." Their address is 14808 E. Fairgrove Ave., Valinda, Calif., 91744. Nice, friendly, and really giving off pleasant energies. They also sent the most delightful catalogue: "Earth Mother's Natural Products," a fun-filled book of clothing for people like us, comfortable, beautiful, and perfect for our lifestyles: robes, clothes for daily wear, etc. Nicely illustrated, we wish to say - it's about time. Thank you!